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## REQUEST

1: How many women presented to hospitals within of your Trust with Retained Products of Conception (RPOC) after medically induced abortion [also known as induced miscarriage or termination of pregnancy] for the 24 months starting 01 June 2019 to 31 May 2021, and how many of them required evacuation of retained products (ERPC), [sometimes referred to as surgical management of miscarriage, SMM]. If possible, please can this information be broken down per month?

NB. I do not require spontaneous abortion or miscarriage data

Two examples of the information I am looking for, from a previous FOI request to an NHS Hospital Trust, in a helpful format have been included below:

Month	Incomplete Medical Abortions		ERPC	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Jan	44	34	35	26
Feb	40	30	29	25
Mar	40	44	35	33
Apr	25	27	22	19
May	33	30	25	22
Jun	32	33	23	25
Jul	43	33	29	17
Aug	32	22	23	14
Sep	37	43	26	29
Oct	35	31	24	27
Nov	26	38	23	29
Dec	21	37	18	25
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>291</b>

Adm_Date	FCE_PrimaryDiagnosis_Desc	FCE_Procedure1_Desc	Incomplete Abortion	ERPC
08/01/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
11/01/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Insertion of prostaglandin pessary	1	0
14/01/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
09/02/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
12/02/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus using rigid cannula	1	1
17/02/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
26/02/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
07/03/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
08/03/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
20/03/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
21/03/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
23/03/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
30/03/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
30/03/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
01/04/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
02/04/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
17/04/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by genital tract and pelvic infection	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
17/04/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Insertion of abortifacient pessary NEC	1	0
22/04/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Oral administration of therapeutic substance	1	0
23/04/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Evacuation of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
24/04/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Dilation of cervix uteri and evacuation of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
24/04/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Cephalic delivery of terminated fetus	1	0
26/04/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
06/05/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Evacuation of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
06/05/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
21/05/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
22/05/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Insertion of abortifacient pessary NEC	1	0
24/05/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Cephalic delivery of terminated fetus	1	0
25/05/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by genital tract and pelvic infection	Transvaginal ultrasound examination of female genital tract	1	0
26/05/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
28/05/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
28/05/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Evacuation of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
03/06/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Transvaginal ultrasound examination of female genital tract	1	0
07/06/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
09/06/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
18/06/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Cephalic delivery of terminated fetus	1	0
18/06/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Evacuation of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
23/07/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Unspecified delivery of terminated fetus	1	0
30/07/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Dilation of cervix uteri and curettage of products of conception from uterus	1	1
31/07/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Dilation of cervix uteri and evacuation of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
01/08/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Cephalic delivery of terminated fetus	1	0
11/08/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, without complication	Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC	1	1
17/08/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	System Generated	1	0
19/08/2020	Medical abortion; Incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage	Insertion of prostaglandin pessary	1	0

2: Please tell us the threshold volume of bleeding required for coding and reporting of haemorrhage at your hospitals and how many women have been treated within your hospitals with haemorrhage after starting a medically induced abortion (also known as induced miscarriage or termination of pregnancy) for each month over a 24 months period starting 01 June 2019 to 31 May 2021.

NB.

- If the second question goes over the 18 hour limit please ignore it and answer the first.
- In the event of patient numbers being less than 5 in a particular month, please can I have the total number of patients in each three-month quarter for the period 01 June 2019 to 31 May 2021: 01 June to 31 August, 01 September to 30 November, 01 December to 28(29) February and 01 March to 31 May.

## Response

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals Trust does not have to comply with a request if we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in answering the remainder of your questions. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.